

District Right of Way assists the contractor, as needed, in securing local approvals and environmental clearance. It also coordinates its activities with district Permits to ensure that the encroachment permit contains appropriate wording.

Payment for use of State property is based on fair market value.

508.2 Fire Hydrant Markers and Signs

Placement of blue reflective markers and signs to identify fire hydrant locations shall conform to criteria described in “Guidelines for Fire Hydrant Markings Along State Highways and Freeways” (This publication was prepared by the Office of the Fire Marshal in cooperation with Caltrans for the Calif. State Board of Fire Services--May, 1988).

Encroachment permits for placing such markers and signs are issued at no cost to the fire agency.

508.3 Fire Protection Signing

Fire Safe Regulations adopted by the Board of Forestry establish requirements for roadway name and building address signs. Caltrans authorizes such signs under permits issued to property owners and developers when the signs are set outside the clear zone or as close to the right of way as possible. County sign standards for height, color, and reflectivity will be accepted, but breakaway sign posts conforming to current State Standard Plans are required.

508.4 Guide Signs to Points of Local Interest

Local agencies may place supplemental guide signs to points of local interest on State (conventional) highways which also function as local community streets when approved by Traffic Operations. Policies governing placement of destination signs are located in the MUTCD and CA Supplement (Section 2D.34, Destination Signs). Signs may indicate directions to locations that do not meet minimum qualifications or to those places of community interest which normally do not warrant signing. Examples of destinations that may receive signing include:

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| * Business Districts | * Libraries | * Public Parking |
| * City Halls | * Museums | * Visitor Information Centers |
| * Civic Centers | * Parks and Zoos | * Hospitals (emergency service) |
| * Community Swimming Pools | * Police Agencies | |

Placement shall be by the local agency through the normal permit process at no cost to the State. Sign locations should be limited to areas where they do not block or interfere with warning, regulatory, or other guide signs necessary for the safe and efficient operation of the highway. Signs shall not be placed if more than one turn is required to reach the destination. Sign panels should be clearly marked as to city or county ownership.